

DUTCHESS COUNTY WATER AND WASTEWATER AUTHORITY

DUTCHESS COUNTY WATER DISTRICT – ARBORS WATER SYSTEM

ADOPTED Water Rate Schedule - Effective January 1, 2026

- A. WATER CHARGES ARE BILLED TO THE PROPERTY OWNER WITHIN A REASONABLE PERIOD FOLLOWING THE CLOSE OF THE BILLING CYCLE:

Billing Periods

November 1, 2025 – January 31, 2026

February 1 – April 30

May 1 – July 31

August 1 – October 31

NOTE: *Rates subject to change on January 1, 2027

- B. WATER CHARGES

INDIVIDUALLY METERED SINGLE FAMILY RESIDENCE (5/8 & 3/4 Size Connection)

\$7.23 per 1,000 gallons above 37,000 gallons per three-month billing period + monthly service charge.

ARBORS CONDOMINIUM – MASTER METER

\$7.23 per 1,000 gallons above 3,700,000 gallons per three-month billing period + monthly service charge.

All customers subject to monthly service charge regardless of usage.

- C. MONTHLY SERVICE CHARGE

In addition to the water charges described above, there will be a monthly service charge assessed according to meter/service size as follows:

Meter/Service Size:	Rate Per Month:
5/8 inch	\$68.38
3/4 inch	\$68.38
1 inch	\$68.38
Arbors Condominium - Master Meter	\$7,516.23

- D. MISCELLANEOUS CHARGES

See following definitions.

Charges:	Rates:
Property Transfer Charge - Buyer	\$60.00
Property Closing Charge - Seller	\$85.00
Inaccessible Meter Charge	\$100.00 *
Meter Tampering Charge	\$50.00 **
Returned Check Charge	\$20.00
Service Restoration Fee	\$150.00
Service Tampering Charge	\$50.00 ***
Meter Re-Read Charge	\$50.00

- E. PAST DUE BILL CHARGE

All arrears of water rents, charges, and penalties after each due date shall be subject to interest computed at the annual rate of 21% or 5.25% per billing period.

- F. **RELEVY OF UNPAID BILLS**
In September/October of each year all accounts in arrears will be referred to the property tax collector for inclusion on the following year's January tax bill. Included in these amounts will be a late charge of up to 4 months for the total amount due.
- G. **PROPERTY TRANSFER CHARGE - BUYER**
There will be a charge assessed each time title to a property changes or transfers. The charge will appear on the next scheduled billing of the new property owner. This fee will cover the cost of establishing a new customer account along with preparing pro-rated bills as needed for both the new and former owner.
- H. **PROPERTY CLOSING CHARGE - SELLER**
There will be a charge assessed to the current owner each time title to a property changes or transfers. The charge will appear on the final bill due on account and presented at closing of the property. This fee will cover operational and administrative costs incurred during the processing of account closeout.
- I. **SPRINKLER SYSTEM CHARGE**
Service charge only for size of service line supplying the sprinkler system.
- J. **INACCESSIBLE METER CHARGE**
An inaccessible meter charge may be assessed *each month to customers who refuse to allow access to their property for meter installation, who fail to remove obstructions encumbering access to the water meter or its remote read head, and/or who refuse access to their property for an indoor meter reading.
- K. **MULTIPLE REGISTER METER CHARGE**
Each register billed for gallonage plus service charge - see above schedule
- L. **METER READINGS**
If there is a meter reading discrepancy between the meter (located inside) versus the remote read head (located outside), it is the meter that has precedence. Meter tampering is unlawful and may result in legal action.
- M. **METER TAMPERING CHARGE**
Tampering with meter and meter appurtenances is prohibited. Tampering with meter and meter appurtenances will result in a fine** plus a surcharge for labor and materials for replacing and/or repairing the tampered equipment and shall be imposed on the next water bill.
- N. **RETURNED CHECK CHARGE**
There will be a charge for each returned check. The Dutchess County Water and Wastewater Authority (DCWWA) reserves the right not to accept checks in the future.
- O. **RESTORATION OF WATER SERVICE**
A customer may request water service to be temporarily suspended and shut off at the curb valve. However, the customer will remain financially responsible for all monthly service charges and applicable capital surcharges due per billing cycle while service is suspended. Additionally, a service restoration fee upon water turn on will be added to the next billing cycle.

P. SERVICE TAMPERING CHARGE

Water service is turned on or off at the curb or the main by the DCWWA. Unauthorized persons are not permitted to turn water on or off at the curb valve or corporation stop. The owner of the affected property shall be subject to a service tampering charge for each offense*** plus a surcharge for labor and materials for replacing and/or repairing the tampered equipment and shall be imposed on the next water bill.

Arbors Water System 2026 Adopted Budget

Customer Count - 7 (6 Residential/1 Commercial Condominium)

EXPENSES

	2025	2026
OPERATION		Adopted
LINE ITEMS	Budget	Budget

Accounting	15.58	15.93
Legal	300.00	100.00
Insurance	890.67	998.18
Telephone	6.00	6.00
Postage	39.46	39.12
Computer Equipment/Technical Support	56.45	169.86
Billing	314.02	473.56
Bookkeeping	157.25	166.52
Engineering	500.00	500.00
Permit Fees	180.00	180.00
Water Purchase	29,900.80	30,952.00
Lab Costs	1,746.00	0.00
Testing Chemicals	500.00	500.00
Meter/Collection	92.39	98.98
ERM (System)	10,000.00	17,328.00
Operation	17,926.91	19,890.27
Buildings & Grounds	0.00	0.00
Vehicle Maintenance	98.92	101.72

SUB TOTAL	62,724.45	71,520.14
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Operation Contingency	8,000.00	9,500.00
Administration	10,958.75	13,510.11
Debt Service (General)	39.30	39.57

OPERATION TOTALS	81,722.50	94,569.82
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INCOME

Water Sales	81,305.69	94,534.82
Water Penalties	156.81	35.00
Fund Balance	260.00	0.00

TOTAL INCOME	81,722.50	94,569.82
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Tiered Rate as Follows: Base Rate of \$203.37/billing period for up to 37,000 gallons
Base Rate of \$22355.97/billing period for up to 3,700,000 for Arbors Condominium
Additional water used within the billing cycle would be billed at \$7.23/1000 gallons
This rate would reflect a 17.07% increase over 2025 for the average customer

	2025	2026	Difference	
Rate/Thousand Gallons	\$7.23	\$7.23	\$0.00	0.00%
Average Annual Cost	\$701.28	\$821.00	\$119.72	17.07%
Condominium Annual Cost	\$77,089.60	\$89,423.89	\$12,334.29	16.00%